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Haden Park Receives \$394,000 In Improvements

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department, together with SP West Super Neighborhood, will celebrate recent improvements to Haden Park, 1404 Witte Road, on Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. U.S.

Congressman John Culberson and Texas State Representative Dwayne Bohac will join Mayor Bill White and Council Member Toni Lawrence, District A, for the dedication ceremony scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

"We're looking forward to Saturday's celebration," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "We hope the improvements will enhance the park experience for park visitors."

The \$394,000 improvements to Haden Park include a new playground, improved security lighting, a new asphalt trail, service for a drinking fountain, walkways and a gazebo. The park has also received new entry walls, signage, and landscaping.

Haden Park, located near the intersection of Gessner and Long Point, was acquired by the City of Houston in 1989. It was named after longtime Houston eye and ear doctor Henry Cooper Haden, and was purchased from his daughter, Homoiselle Haden Fay. Initial development of the park occurred in 1998, under the fundraising auspices of the American Leadership Forum and the Houston Parks Board's Neighborhood Partnership Program.

For additional information about Haden Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (713) 845-1135 or visit www.houstonparks.org.